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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU

1. FERNANDO GOMEZ FYNS OF U.N. HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES
CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MAY 28 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF U.S.
ACCEPTING FOR RESETTLEMENT UNSPECIFIED NUMBER CHILEAN REFUGEES
CURRENTLY LOCATED IN PERU.

2. GOMEZ SAYS NUMBER REFUGEES HAS DIMINISHED FROM 1200 TO
APPROXIMATELY 800 IN PAST YEAR, BUT WITH APPROXIMATELY FIFTY
CHILEANS ENTERING AND LEAVING PERU WEEKLY FURTHER REDUCTION
UNLIKELY WITHOUT INCREASED COOPERATION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS.
MOREOVER, UNHCR, HAVING SPENT ABOUT \$1,000,000 IN PAST YEAR ON
REFUGES IN LIMA, INCREASINGLY STRAPPED FOR FUNDS.

3. SO FAR, ACCORDING TO GOMEZ, REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED PRIN-
CIPALLY BY CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, LUXEMBOURG, HUNGARY,
AND ROMANIA. RESPONSE FROM LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAS BEEN
POOR. DESPITE EARLIER PROMISES, CUBA HAS ACCEPTED FEW REFUGEES.
MEXICO HAS ACCEPTED NO CHILEANS DIRECTLY FROM PERU; VENEZUELA,
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BRAZIL, URUGUAY NONE AT ALL. ARGENTINA, WITH SURFEIT OF REFUGEES,

IN SAME STRAITS AS PERU.

4. DURING PAST WEEK GOP HAS CALLED IN AMBASSADORS FROM SECERAL
EUROPEAN (EAST AND WEST) AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES REQUESTING
ASSISTANCE WITH REFUGEE PROBLEM.

5. AMBASSADOR INFORMED GOMEZ THAT MATTER OF CHILEAN REFUGEES
CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY USG BUT EMBASSY WOULD REQUEST STATUS
REPORT AND ADVISE HIM SOONEST.

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